

**WOODLAWN FORREST
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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P.O. Box 1651
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THE HERALD

Theme: "Flourishing and Fruitful. We are **PLANTED LIKE A TREE** in 2023"

Ministering Evangelist:
Leroy Butler, Jr.

Elders:

Alfonso Breeden
Leroy Butler, Jr.
Steve A. Myers, Sr.
James C. Shearry, Sr.

Deacons:

Charlie Black
Willie C. Ferree
Harry L. Howell, Sr.
Marcus J. Pride

**Associate Minister &
Minister of Maturity:**

Andre R. Norwood

Ladies Ministry:

Gloria A. Butler

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30am Radio Program
WHLJ 97.5 FM

11:00am Live Worship

4:00pm Sunday School
(Virtual)

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm...Wednesday Night Live
(Youth Bible Study)

7:00pm Live Bible Study

SERVICES OFFERED:

- In-Home Bible Studies
- Private Open Bible Studies at the church building
- Bible Correspondence Courses
- Transportation to and from the services.
- Counseling (*marital and personal*)

December Church Calendar



Remember to Register for December Worship!

- 2nd - Kitchen Ministry Christmas Gathering, 3:00-5:00pm (*Church Dining Hall*).
- 2nd - Youth Ministry in Christmas Parade, 6:00pm.
- 3rd – Youth **Dollar Day\$**.
- 3rd – Love Offering & Appreciation Gift to Sis. Gloria Butler.
- 3rd - Sunshine Ministry Meeting after Worship in Conference Room.
- 3rd - Wellness Ministry holds **Blood Pressure Screening** after Worship (*Dining Hall*).
- 7th - Youth Council Meeting, 7:00pm.
- 9th - Meals-On-Wheels Ministry meet, 10:00am.
- 9th - Clothes Closet Ministry Visitation.
- 9th - BLG#4, Zones 3, 4, and 5 Meeting, 2:00pm.
- 9th – L640 Ministry Holiday Family Social 4:00pm (*Church Dining Hall*).
- 10th - Youth Ministry will hold a **Soup Shop** following Worship.
- 16th - Senior Holiday Saturday, 10:30-2:00pm, Southside Recreation Center.
- 16th - BLG #1, Zones 1, 2, & 7, Year End Meeting, 2:30-5:00pm (*Church Dining Hall*).
- 17th - BLG#5 Monthly Meeting after Worship.
- 17th - Clothes Closet Ministry Meeting.
- 17th - Final day for Child Advocacy Center donations of stuffed animals and blankets. Sponsored by our Youth Ministry.
- 22nd - 2nd - *Finance Office Closed.*
- 25th - **Christmas Day.**
- 25th & 26th - *Church Offices Closed.*
- 27th - WFG sponsors Birthday Social.
- 31st – **Area Fifth Sunday Fellowship.** Courtland Avenue Church of Christ, Quitman, GA 2:30pm.
- 31st – Annual **New Year's Eve Service.**

ASSIGNED TO SERVE IN DECEMBER:

BAPTISMAL: Pat Bell, Renee' Darden, & Sonja Morris.

KITCHEN: Gloria Brantley & Crystal Lott.

BUILDING OPEN/CLOSE: William Braswell.



December

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Jamillah Gardner.
 - 1st - Harry Howell, Sr.
 - 4th - Delbra Battles.
 - 5th - Tarsha Howell.
 - 6th - Eddie Ashley.
 - 7th - Carlton Jackson, Jr.
 - 9th - Melton Henry.
 - 10th - Shannon Davis.
 - 11th - Rosa Settles.
 - 13th - Brenda Armstrong Brown.
 - 13th - Edwina Braswell.
 - 14th - Betty Vann.
 - 15th - Maria Willoughby
 - 26th - Makunda Ewing.
 - 30th - Lakindra Arnold.
 - 30th - Benita Settles.
 - 31st - Geneva Pride.
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- 6th - Alvin, Jr. & LaRonda Boyd, 20-yrs.
 - 15th - Robert & Cynthia Williams, 44-yrs.
 - 16th - Terry & Janice Thomas, 45-ys.
 - 27th - Carlton & Nadine Jackson, 23-yrs.
 - 30th - Eddie & Dorothy Hill, 45-yrs.
 - 30th - Andre' & Lovey Marshall, 29-yrs.

Brotherhood Activities

★ Moultrie Church of Christ, 1915 GA HWY 37 E, in Moultrie, invites you to their **GOSPEL MEETING**, December 1st~3rd. The speaker is Deacon Hazel, a senior at Georgia Christian School in Valdosta. The messages are geared to our youth. Friday, 7PM - "What Your Christian Teen Wishes You Know", Saturday 6PM - "Let No One Despise Your Youth", Sunday 6PM - "The Call".

★ December 3rd~6th, 10th Church **ANNIVERSARY & HOMECOMING** for the Church of Christ at Chapel Hill, 4500 Chapel Hill Drive, Macon, GA. Guest Speaker Bro. Alvin L. Daniels, Jr.—Hope Church of Christ in Hollywood, FL. Theme: "And This Is Our Testimony..." (1 John 5:11,12). Sunday, 10AM to 3PM; Worship at 10AM followed by Fellowship Meal then Homecoming Program. Monday through Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

★ December 10th, 15th Year **APPRECIATION CELEBRATION** for Bro. & Sis. Joseph L. Ingram, 2:30PM at Lanier High Auditorium, Lakeland, GA. A Reception will follow immediately after the Celebration. The Guest Minister for the occasion is Bro. Jeffry Pointer. Love Offerings can be done by Zelle 229-506-8118, Cash App \$Josephtrue11, or Check payable to Joseph Ingram, Sr.

★ 37th Annual Church of Christ **Ladies Lectureship RETREAT**, March 28-31, 2024, Orlando, FL. Theme, "Christian Women: A Steadfast Extraordinary Journey", 1 Corinthians 15:58m /Psalms 77:13. Registration through February 1, 2024, Adults \$210, Youth \$200. Make checks payable to: Church of Christ Ladies Retreat, mail to PO Box 9843, Fayetteville, NC 28301. For more information go to www.ladiesretreat.org

★ South GA Church of Christ (COC) **Ladies Lectureship RETREAT**, April 26-28, 2024. Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge, McRae-Helena, GA. Theme: "We are the Light of the World", Matthew 5:14-16. Registration Fee: Adults, 18 & up-\$125; Children, 6-17-\$75; Ages 0-5- \$10. Lodging per person \$119 per night plus taxes. Conference registration is required prior to booking your room. To book room please call Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge at 229-868-7474. Payment via Church Checks, money Orders, Cashier Checks to the South Georgia Church of Christ (COC) Ladies Lectureship Retreat c/o Vienna Church of Christ, 915 E. Union ST, PO Box 522, Vienna GA 31092. ♦



Daily Bible Reading for

December

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Friday, 12/01	1 Peter 4	Ezekiel 36-37
Saturday, 12/02	1 Peter 5	Ezekiel 38-39
Sunday, 12/03	2 Peter 1	Ezekiel 40-41
Monday, 12/04	2 Peter 2	Ezekiel 42-44
Tuesday, 12/05	2 Peter 3	Ezekiel 45-46
Wednesday, 12/06	1 John 1	Ezekiel 47-48
Thursday, 12/07	1 John 2	Daniel 1-2
Friday, 12/08	1 John 3	Daniel 3-4
Saturday, 12/09	1 John 4	Daniel 5-6
Sunday, 12/10	1 John 5	Daniel 7-9
Monday, 12/11	2 John-3 John	Daniel 10-12
Tuesday, 12/12	Jude	Hosea 1-3
Wednesday, 12/13	Revelation 1	Hosea 4-7
Thursday, 12/14	Revelation 2	Hosea 8-11
Friday, 12/15	Revelation 3	Hosea 12-14
Saturday, 12/16	Revelation 4-5	Joel 1-3
Sunday, 12/17	Revelation 6	Amos 1-5
Monday, 12/18	Revelation 7	Amos 6-9
Tuesday, 12/19	Revelation 8	Obadiah
Wednesday, 12/20	Revelation 9	Jonah 1-4
Thursday, 12/21	Revelation 10-11	Micah 1-4
Friday, 12/22	Revelation 12	Micah 5-7
Saturday, 12/23	Revelation 13	Nahum 1-3
Sunday, 12/24	Revelation 14	Habakkuk 1-3
Monday, 12/25	Revelation 15-16	Zephaniah 1-3
Tuesday, 12/26	Revelation 17	Haggai 1-2
Wednesday, 12/27	Revelation 18	Zachariah 1-5
Thursday, 12/28	Revelation 19	Zachariah 6-8
Friday, 12/29	Revelation 20	Zachariah 9-11
Saturday, 12/30	Revelation 21	Zachariah 12-14
Sunday, 12/31	Revelation 22	Malachi 1-4 ★

WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE

*Dorothy Dye, Ph.D.,
Christian Clinical Counselor*

For Appointment call 229-561-3808.

Members of Woodlawn Forrest, this is a Free Service for you. Please take advantage of this invaluable opportunity!

*Our Sick and Shut-In needs your calls, cards, visits...
But above all, they need our Prayers. (James 5:16)*

MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES

S/Dorothy Hamilton , Lake Haven., Valdosta	BLG #5
S/Rosa Jones , Heritage House, Valdosta	BLG #2
B/Calvin Strickland , Tuscaloosa, AL	BLG #1
S/Betty Yearby , Holly Hill, Valdosta	BLG #1

SICK MEMBER & ELDERLY MEMBERS AT HOME

S/Louise Battle	BLG #1
B/Samuel Battle Jr.	BLG #1
B/James E. Bell Jr. <i>(with daughter)</i>	BLG #1
B/Russell Berrian	BLG #2
S/Lucinda Brown	BLG #4
S/Marjorie Bythwood	BLG #4
S/Marjorie Collier	BLG #1
S/Glorice Ferrell	BLG #4
B/Robert Gervin , Jr.	BLG #1
S/Arleen Golden	BLG #2
B/Kenneth Hallback	BLG #5
S/Louise Harden	BLG #1
S/Robbie Hester	BLG #2
S/Barbara H. Jones	BLG #2
S/Mary McKinnon	BLG #1
B/Bennie Morris	BLG #2
S/Jeniece Myers	BLG #1
B/Solomon Sanders	BLG #2
S/Rosa & Benita Settles	BLG #2
S/Betty Vann <i>(with her son)</i>	BLG #1
S/Mary S. Williams	BLG #4

God's Plan for Saving Man

Divine Love	John 3:16
God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
Holy Spirit's Word	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	Acts 22:16
Christian's Love	Matthew 22:37
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10



MATURE DISCIPLE AWARD

Third Annual **L640 Award Ceremony**

Saturday, January 6, 2024

at 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn and Conference Center

1805 W Hill Ave, Valdosta, GA

Occasion's Attire: Church Dress.

The 2023 Award Nominees are:

- Sis. Diana **Battle** for Clothes Closet Ministry,
- Sis. Charlene **Blache** for Body Life Group #1,
- Sis. Brenda L. **Hardy** for Baptismal Ministry,
- Sis. Vorise **Harris** for Sunshine Ministry,
- Sis. Dorothy **Hill** for Hospitality Ministry,
- Sis. Nadine **Jackson** for Kitchen Ministry,
- Sis. Edna **Kelsie** for Youth Ministry,
- Sis. Crystal **Lott** for Audio Visual Sound Ministry,
- Bro. Darryl **Pickett** for Body Life Group #5 and the Usher Ministry,
- Sis. Coretha B. **Shearry** for Bulletin Board Ministry and Prayer Warriors,
- Sis. Francine C. **Shearry** for Communion Ministry,
- Sis. Clarissa **Smith** for Bible School Department,
- Sis. Janice **Thomas** for Pantry Ministry,
- Bro. Jimmy **Thomas** for Body Life Group #2,
- Sis. Shekita **Washington** for Wellness Ministry,
- Sis Cynthia **Williams** for Body Life Group #4,
- Sis. Mary **Wiseman** for Meals-on-Wheels Ministry.



Woodlawn's Limerick

I am a Vital Link in God's Love Connection,
Worshipping and Witnessing to show my Affection,
Working and Serving so that my Light will Shine,
Walking Circumspect so as to Redeem the Time,
I am a Vital Link in God's Love Connection.



OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW

WORSHIP Sunday @ 11:00am

In Person & Facebook Live

BIBLE SCHOOL, Sunday @ 4:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 894-681-340

SOLID FOUNDATION CLASS, Sunday, 4:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 894-681-340

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday Night, 7:00pm

In Person & Zoom Meeting ID: 814 6482 9808

Passcode: 573284



Now through Sunday, December 17th, our
Youth Ministry ask your help in collecting
Blankets and Stuffed Animals for the
Child Advocacy Center, their Outreach

Ministry Partner. Items
preferred should be new,
however, they will
accept slightly used.
Containers are beside
the Youth Bulletin Board.



Help children enjoy
blankets for warmth... cuddles for smiles.

WHAT DO YOU "REALLY" KNOW ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

- For the journey to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph
 - Walked
 - Joseph walked; Mary rode a donkey
 - Rode a bus
 - Who knows?
- When Mary became pregnant, Mary and Joseph were:
 - Married
 - Just friends
 - Engaged
 - None of the above
- When Mary became pregnant,
 - Joseph married her
 - Joseph wanted to dissolve the relationship
 - Mary left Nazareth for a while
 - An angel told them to go to Bethlehem
 - Both b and c
 - Both b and d
- Who directed Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
 - Herod
 - An angel
 - Caesar
 - The IRS
- Just what is a "heavenly host"?
 - An angelic choir
 - The welcoming angel in heaven
 - An army of angels
- What song did the angels sing?
 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
 - "Joy to the World"
 - "Glory to God in the Highest"
 - None of the above
- The baby Jesus was born in a
 - Cave
 - Manger
 - Barn
 - Who knows?
- What sign was the shepherds to look for?
 - A star over the stable
 - A barn outlined with Christmas lights
 - A baby in a manger
 - Both a and c
 - None of the above.

(1. d - The Bible gives no record of their means of travel)

(2. c - Matthew 1:18)

(3. b and c - Matthew 1:19; Luke 1:39, 56)

(4. c - Luke 2:1)

(5. c)

(6. d - Luke 2:13. They didn't sing, they said)

(7. e - Luke 2:7. We aren't told where Jesus was born, only that after His birth, he was laid in a manger)

(8. c - Luke 2:12)